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Specification amendments

Please amend the paragraph at the bottom of page 15 of the text as shown in the following corrected paragraph.

-- The method of the invention comprises, for example, swelling a PVA film, coloring it, monoaxially stretching it in an aqueous boric acid solution, fixing it in as aqueous boric acid or potassium iodide solution and drying it, an and optionally heating it. In the method of the invention, the PVA film may be monoaxially stretched in one stage or in multiple stages. In case where the PVA film is monoaxially stretched in multiple stages, at least one monoaxially-stretching stage of the multiple stages must satisfy the above-mentioned formulae (1) and (2). --